

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-5. (canceled).

6. (previously presented): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing, said fabric comprising yarn having one or more types of synthetic fiber alone, or combined with non-synthetic fiber, comprising:

applying a solution containing an ink holding agent of high wettability to said synthetic fiber so as to cause said solution to penetrate into the fabric, and

thereafter, applying an ink holding agent of low wettability to said synthetic fiber from the fabric's nonprinting side, so as to cause said solution to penetrate into the fabric.

7. (previously presented): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing, said fabric comprising yarn having one or more types of synthetic fiber alone, or combined with non-synthetic fiber, consisting of two textures napped and ground, comprising:

applying a solution containing an ink holding agent of high wettability to said synthetic fiber to cause said solution to penetrate into said napped and ground textures, and

thereafter, applying a solution containing an ink holding agent of low wettability to said synthetic fiber from the fabric's non-printing side to cause said solution to penetrate into the ground texture.

8-18. (canceled).

19. (previously presented): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing, as recited in claim 6,

wherein said ink holding agent of high wettability comprises a synthetic polymer, and

wherein said ink holding agent of low wettability comprises at least one of a semi-synthetic polymer and natural polymer.

20. (previously presented): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink-jet printing as recited in claim 7,

wherein said ink holding agent of high wettability comprises a synthetic polymer, and

wherein said ink holding agent of low wettability comprises at least one of a semi-synthetic polymer and natural polymer.

21.-24. (canceled).

25. (new): A method of preparing fabric for use in ink jet printing as recited in Claim 6, further including ink jet printing onto the fabric for use in ink jet printing, applying heat treatment to the fabric followed by soaping treatment.

26. (new:) A method of preparing fabric for use in ink jet printing as recited in Claim 7, further including ink jet printing onto the fabric for use in ink jet printing, applying heat treatment to the fabric followed by soaping treatment.